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WASHINGTON, July 1, 1982 -- Freight traffic on major U.S. railroads during the week ended June 26 totaled an estimated 15.9 billion ton-miles, 16.9 percent below the corresponding week a year ago, the Association of American Railroads reported today.

Cumulative volume for the first 26 weeks of 1982 was an estimated 417.1 billion ton-miles, 9.1 percent below the comparable period of last year.

Carloadings in the week ended June 26 totaled 371,810 cars, 17.7 percent below 1981, and 0.3 percent lower than the preceding week of this year. Compared with last year, loadings were down 20.6 percent in the East, 12.9 percent in the South, and 18.4 percent in the West.

Compared with the corresponding week of 1981, 18 of the 21 commodity groups were down. Thirteen of the 21 groups declined from the preceding week of this year.

Piggyback

The AAR also reported that piggyback freight traffic on major railroads for the week ended June 19 totaled 38,320 cars, up an estimated 9.6 percent from the corresponding week of 1981, and 65,825 trailers and/or containers, 6.9 percent higher than last year.

The cumulative volume of TOFC/COFC traffic for the first 25 weeks of the year was 886,650 cars, 8.2 percent higher than last year, and 1,576,318 trailers and/or containers, up 6.3 percent.

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Following are carloadings of major railroads, by commodity groups, for the week ended 6/26/82:

	Loadings in Week ended June 26, 1982		Change from Corresponding Week 1981			Change from Preceding Week	
	Cars		Cars	Percent		Cars	Percent
Grain	22,848	D	3,020	11.7	D	829	3.5
Other farm products	4,396	I	565	14.7	D	340	7.7
Metallic ores	14,070	D	25,016	64.0	D	783	5.3
Coal	120,179	D	5,569	4.4	D	1,441	1.2
Crushed stone, gravel and sand	9,705	D	3,700	27.6	D	609	4.7
Nonmetallic minerals	9,265	D	5,180	35.9	I	957	11.5
Grain mill products	11,268	D	2,518	18.3	D	8	0.1
Food and kindred products	13,090	D	2,626	16.7	I	194	1.5
Primary forest products	14,887	D	3,477	18.9	D	1,031	6.5
Lumber and wood products except furniture	6,791	D	1,859	21.5	I	87	1.3
Pulp, paper and allied products	16,612	D	3,356	16.8	I	359	2.2
Chemicals and allied products	21,193	D	4,004	15.9	I	49	0.2
Petroleum products	4,565	D	262	5.4	D	154	3.3
Stone, clay and glass products	10,170	D	3,870	27.6	D	213	2.1
Coke	3,948	D	3,210	44.8	D	368	8.5
Metals and products	8,072	D	7,696	48.8	D	557	6.5
Motor vehicles and equipment	17,630	D	2,509	12.5	I	88	0.5
Waste and scrap materials	7,552	D	4,276	36.2	D	386	4.9
Forwarder and shipper association traffic	9,113	D	981	9.7	I	289	3.3
All other carloads	46,248	I	2,514	5.7	I	3,517	8.2
LCL traffic	208	I	9	4.5	D	65	23.8
Total Cars Loaded	371,810	D	80,041	17.7	D	1,244	0.3
Corresponding week of 1981	451,851						

	1982	1981	% Change
Total Cars Loaded (26 weeks)	9,693,802	10,766,297	D 10.0
Estimated revenue ton-miles (in billions):			
25 Weeks cumulative	401.1	439.9	D 8.8
Week ended June 26	15.9	19.2	D 16.9
26 Weeks cumulative	417.1	459.1	D 9.1

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